



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

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### **Tropicana Reaches Settlement Agreement with Division of Gaming Enforcement**

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ATLANTIC CITY — Tropicana Casino & Resort has agreed to a civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$15,000 in a ruling recently published by the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement. The penalty was part of a settlement agreement between the Division and Tropicana, which allowed a person on the exclusion list to gamble without ejecting him as required.

"Maintaining integrity within this industry is paramount. We have strict regulations in place to prevent individuals on the exclusion list from gambling in Atlantic City," said Acting Director David Rebuck. "I commend Deputy Attorney General R. Lane Stebbins and Investigator George Homa, who uncovered the violations and worked with Tropicana to resolve the charges."

The Casino Control Act (N.J.S.A. 5:12-71) provides for the establishment of a list of persons who are to be excluded or ejected from any licensed casino in New Jersey, such as career or professional offenders, cheats or criminal offenders. As detailed in the complaint filed by the Division, an excluded person who is named in the complaint was present within Tropicana's licensed premises and engaged in illegal conduct, specifically cheating at the game of craps.

Money that is received by the State as part of settlement agreements is directed to the Casino Revenue Fund, which supports compulsive gambling treatment and education programs and programs that benefit the State's senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

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